

HALF MILLION IS COUNTY EXPENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR

County Clerk Estimates Cost
of County Government;
Levy 3.5 Mills.

BOOKKEEPING SYSTEM
WILL SAVE \$40,000.

Expenses Are Much Less Than
Last Fiscal Year; Charity
Costs \$31,160.

More than a half million dollars is needed to run the county government of Oklahoma county during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, according to a preliminary estimate of expenses for all the various offices and departments, which was made in the county clerk's office today. The exact amount of the preliminary budget is \$512,934.41. Of that amount \$334,284.41 is needed for the purposes other than salaries, supplies and contingent funds of the county government, leaving only \$178,650 that is needed to cover all salaries, supplies, contingent and operating expenses. The sum of \$48,000 is estimated to be raised in fees, thus leaving only \$129,650 to be secured for operating expenses by taxation, which amount is the net cost to the county for operating expenses provided the total asked is allowed by the excise board. The excise board cannot allow more, but may allow less.

County Levy 3.5 Mills.
Based on the amount to be raised by county levy, \$345,799.85, County Clerk Cornelius stated today that the levy for county purposes in Oklahoma county would be 3.5 mills or less. The levy last year was 4 mills. The taxable property in the county according to the assessor's books, is approximately \$89,000,000. A levy of 3.5 mills would produce the amount needed. The state levy, according to State Auditor Howard, will be only 2 mills.

Through operation of the new bookkeeping system inaugurated by County Clerk Cornelius, the county has saved approximately \$40,000. By this new system, the various officials are compelled to record expenses more closely than before, which causes more saving, Mr. Cornelius said. The \$40,000 represents difference between amounts asked for various funds this year, and the amount allowed for the past year.

Charity Will Cost \$31,160.
The sums asked for this year are: Poor and insane fund, \$19,160; widows and orphans, \$8,000; scholarships, \$2,500; burial of the poor, \$1,500; total for charity \$31,160. For colored schools, Teachers \$40,000, buildings, \$10,000; repairs and maintenance, \$5,000; janitors and supplies, \$5,000; a total for colored schools \$60,000.

For general road and bridge fund, \$118,000; road construction, \$23,000; road maintenance, \$25,000; total for roads and bridges, \$166,000. A sinking fund of \$50,518 is asked for in the preliminary budget. All of the above estimates, amounting to \$334,284.41, are for purposes other than for salaries, supplies, contingent expenses and court costs.

Money for County Offices.
For the various county offices, the following amounts are asked:

County clerk, salaries \$9,000, supplies \$1,000, contingent \$1,000; county treasurer, salaries \$13,520, supplies \$3,500, contingent \$5,000; county attorney, salaries \$10,000, supplies \$2,500, contingent \$1,500; sheriff, salaries \$12,000, supplies \$400, contingent \$250; county superintendent, salaries \$2,500, supplies \$500, contingent \$750; county assessor, salaries, \$6,400, supplies \$1,300, contingent \$250; court clerk, salaries \$10,500, supplies \$1,800, contingent \$1,000.

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DIME CUT IN OIL ANNOUNCED FROM OKLAHOMA FIELD

Prairie Company Posts \$1.45
Per Barrel Price in Mid-
Continent District.

Associated Press dispatches to The Times from Tulsa and Muskogee today brought the news that the Prairie Oil and Gas company this morning announced a cut of 10 cents a barrel in the price of crude oil in the Mid-Continent field.

The price posted this morning by the Prairie was \$1.45 a barrel. For the last two months crude has sold on the open market for \$1.55 although it has brought more than that to most producers for the reason that independent buyers paid large bonuses.

Heads of local oil companies had not been informed officially of the reduction, and knew nothing of it until notified by The Times.

That increased production was the cause for the decrease in price was the opinion given by an official of one of the large companies with local offices. He said the demand was as great as ever, and did not believe the price would decline seriously.

Victim in Texas Tragedy Buried



Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The body of Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler of the Sixth United States cavalry, who was killed at Alpine, Texas, by Harry Spannill, a hotel manager, was buried in Arlington cemetery today.

GAS AS SCHOOLS' FUEL CONSIDERED; SAVING IS URGED

Committee Working on Contract to Assure Specified
Cost Limit.

From \$2,000 to \$2,500 will be saved the taxpayers of Oklahoma City if gas is burned in the public schools, according to a report under a contract now being negotiated between the Oklahoma Gas & Electric company and the purchasing committee of the Oklahoma City board of education, is the belief of Chairman George Morris of the committee.

More than 2,700 tons of coal were burned in the schools last winter, he said, and while during the break in the gas main the schools were kept heated, he hardly regards the expenditure of \$2,500 additional as warranted to heat the buildings for only one or two days.

Bids for coal were opened by the school board July 21, but no contract was entered into. Mr. Morris expects to learn the terms of the gas company within two days.

CANDIDATE FORCES NAME ON BALLOT

Upon application by Dr. T. B. Satterfield, a candidate for coroner, District Judge Oldfield issued a writ of mandamus this morning compelling the county election board to place Satterfield's name on the ballot for the August 1 primary election. The board Saturday ruled that there was no such office as coroner and, in accordance with that ruling, refused to place candidates for coroner on the ticket. The attorney general held no such office existed in the state.

PAMPHLET MAILING TO BE INVESTIGATED

Upon instructions from the governor, State Examiner and Inspector Parkinson has started an investigation of the work of the secretary of state's office in connection with the mailing out of the publicity pamphlets containing arguments on proposed amendments to the constitution.

It is understood the investigation will extend to every phase of the work.

Heat Begins Early, Mercury Climbing

Local Forecast.—Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday.

State Forecast.—Tonight and Tuesday, fair.

KANSAS—Fair.

ARKANSAS AND WEST TEXAS—Generally fair.

DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT PEOPLE DO WITH THEIR MONEY BEFORE AUTUMN BLESSED WE'RE INVITED?



BALTIMORE HAS \$100 FINE FOR SITTING OUT NATIONAL ANTHEM

BALTIMORE, July 24.—Police men began today the distribution of fines of \$100 each to persons who refused to sing the national anthem while playing or singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." A person violating the provision of the ordinance "shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined not more than \$100."

Youth Beaten By Maturity In Long Trip

Couple Ends 12,000 Mile Hike,
Winning \$6,000; Riding
Back Home Now.

J. H. Duncan, 38 years old and his wife, 44 years old, passed through Oklahoma City today on their way to Asheville, N. C., having completed a walking trip of 12,000 miles that lasted two years. They won \$6,000 offered by the OHS Line Athletic association and are riding home. They defeated nine other couples, who started the wearying journey but did not finish and each of whom was under 30 years old. Maturity defeated youth in the grueling test of human endurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan left San Francisco, Cal., March 1, 1914. Nine other couples started at the same time, but none traveled farther than 3,000 miles. None could ride, solicit sustenance other than water nor call upon fraternal organizations for assistance. Duncan being an expert bricklayer and adept at many kinds of labor had no difficulty earning a livelihood.

MAD DOG EPIDEMIC FEARED; EIGHT ARE KILLED BY POLICE

Eight dogs within the city had been killed up to noon today by police officers in the endeavor to suppress a mad-dog epidemic. More calls were coming to the police station than could be attended to by John Heep and Motorcycle Officer Thomas.

Instructions from the mayor's office were that a vigorous enforcement of the "dog ordinance" was to be carried out through the hot months. The ordinance says that all dogs running loose without muzzles shall be killed by police officers.

"Muzzle your dog or keep him tied up on your premises," was the mayor's advice to queries from owners of pet animals who feared officers might kill their favorites.

Texan Is Slain; Son Arrested

HEIRETTA, Texas, July 24.—William Smith was shot and instantly killed early today while sleeping on the porch of his home at Blue Grove, thirteen miles south of here. A load of buckshot entered his heart.

Alfred Smith, 20 years old, the dead man's son, is under arrest. Young Smith, it is alleged, came to Heiretta Sunday against his father's wishes and an argument preceded the shooting.

SOUTH CAROLINA WARNED OF DANGER OF FLOODS

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 24.—The local weather bureau sent out new flood warnings today to the eastern section of this state. Conditions similar to those of 1908 were forecast for the Waccamaw river.

PLAYERS RECOVER CAPTIVE BAGGAGE

Theater Strike Continues;
Both Sides Reticent
Regarding Status.

Baggage of four vaudeville acts booked at a local playhouse was still in progress this morning, but managers and strikers were pursuing the course they have adopted since its beginning.

Union leaders would give no information regarding their trouble this morning. The conference committee appointed by the trades and labor council last Thursday to meet with the managers and if possible come to an understanding with them, called a special meeting of the council Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, but their report was not made public. Action was deferred until the regular meeting of the council next Thursday night.

VICTORY IN FEW MONTHS, BOASTS LLOYD-GEORGE

Kitchener's Successor as Head
of War Office Predicts
End Is Near.

BRITISH TROOPS TAKE
SECTION OF POZIERES

Russians Advance on Fortified
Town of Erzungan From
Three Sides.

LONDON, July 24.—British reinforcements and British intelligence are going to reach victory in a few months, was the statement by David Lloyd George, the successor of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener as head of the war office.

Gain On All Fronts.
Successes for the allies on all fronts marked the beginning of the fifth week of the great offensive against the central powers.

The official statements today record the following:
British troops have captured a large part of the village of Pozieres. They also gained some ground near High Wood, in the direction of the Goultun.

The French penetrated some German trenches in a raid near Vailly, north of the Aisne, and took some prisoners. On the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, there were small local engagements.

Forces of Emperor Nicholas operating in Turkish Armenia are steadily advancing on the fortified town of Erzungan from the north and south. On the east, the Russian advance guards are within fifteen miles of the place, which is eighty miles southwest of Erzerum.

Italian attacks in the Isonzo region to regain Montebelluna are making good progress. The Austrian defenses just below the summit, were captured Sunday.

German Admit Few Gains.
The penetration of a few houses in the village of Pozieres by the British is admitted by the Germans, who assert that the attackers paid with heavy and sanguinary losses.

The Turks announce the defeat of British cavalry detachments by Turkish forces not far east of the Suez canal. The announcement says the British fled toward the canal, pursued by the Turks.

DRUG FIENDS ROB HOMINY DOCTORS

HOMINY, Okla., July 24.—(Special.)—The Westbrook and McFall drug stores were broken into early Sunday and robbed of all cocaine, morphine and other narcotics they contained. Nothing else was molested.

The offices of several physicians also were visited and cases of instruments and drugs stolen. The burglaries were not discovered until today, and although police were quickly notified, no arrests have been made.

It is now thought most of the burglaries and other crimes committed in Hominy and its vicinity during the past few weeks were the work of drug fiends, and efforts are being made to round them up.

BRITISH REPLY UNSATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Great Britain's partial reply to the American note, protesting against interference with neutral mails, is regarded by officials as unsatisfactory principally because it deals with specific cases instead of the principles involved.

Officials infer from the communication that Great Britain is determined to uphold her attitude which the United States regards as unwarranted and unsupported by international law.

Acting Secretary of State Polk said today he will cable Ambassador Page, asking for an answer to the last American note. The memorandum now is before President Wilson.

Kaiser Longs to Fight In Front Line Trenches

LONDON, July 24.—Emperor William, during his recent trip to a point somewhere in the rear of Peronne on the Somme front, says a dispatch to the Wireless Press from Berne, made a speech to the German wounded soldiers which is attracting great attention in Germany. The German emperor is quoted as saying:

"It is the most poignant grief of my life that I am unable to take a more active part in this war. It is my earnest desire to take my place in the trenches and to deal such blows at our enemies as my age and strength will permit."

Religious Fervor, Marked By Lack of Clothes, Hits Prompt Snag in Canada

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., July 24.—Ten women, religious fanatics, who paraded the streets of this city in a sign of complete nudity which they deemed to be in accordance with the seventh verse of their sect. The women when interviewed in their ceremonial declared that the high streets of their religious ecstasy and feeling required just such simple expression. They acknowledged their behavior to be something of an infingement upon popular decorum, but hoped that the little spectacle, showing their zeal, would date not decide them. Unfortunately there was some delay.

The women were attended by their own male members of the sect, several of whom were said to be recent converts, all of whom stood naked and unadorned. The women were escorted to the local jail after efforts were made to correct their appearance and the men were rather hustled than escorted. There was a movement among the bystanders to organize a body of escorts for the men, but this was dispelled by the police.

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